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| For: A METHOD OF STABILIZING<br>HUMAN NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES<br>(formerly "STABLE COMPOSITIONS<br>FOR MEASURING HUMAN<br>NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES") |                                 |

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith for the patent application identified above is the following:

- Amendment After Notice of Allowance and Submission of Replacement Drawings
- Replacement Drawings 1A-3T

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